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ARTICLES AND THE RESULTING ABSORBENT ARTICLES**

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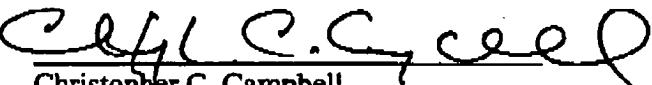
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

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